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THE FAMILY OF

DANIEL BATES

OF

HANOVER, NEW JERSEY,

CINCINNATI AND SANDUSKY COUNTY,

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In consulting the meager references in genealogical literature to the career and family of Daniel Bates, Revolutionary War soldier from Morris County, New Jersey, the writer has encountered two sources whose data he has found to be, to a considerable degree, erroneous. As a result of new information obtained from Daniel Bates's Pension File in the National Archives (1), and from recent researches in Fremont and Sandusky County, Ohio, the writer is now able to present an authentic account of Mr. Bates's places of residence and the location of his grave, and to give a correct list of his children. It is now clear that the compilers of the Official Roster of Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Ohio (2) confused Lower Sandusky in Sandusky County with Sandusky in Erie County, and mistakenly credited Mr. Bates to the latter.

Concerning the ancestry of Daniel Bates, one source, the Compendium of American Genealogy (3) claims his father to have been Capt. David Bates, a Revolutionary Officer from Hanover, N.J. That the Pension File proves this contention to be mistaken will be discussed in this article. We shall now proceed to set forth what we are convinced are the true facts, citing in each instance the sources of our information.

Daniel Bates. A resident of Sandusky County, Ohio (in 1832) living within a mile and a half of Lower Sandusky (now Fremont, the county seat) and at that time 69 years of age. (1)

Birth. March 27, 1763 (not 1762 as per Roster) in Morris County, New Jersey, near the Passaic River, being about eight miles east of Morristown (in or near Hanover). Daniel stated that he had at his house a leaf from an old Bible his mother gave him, on which the date of his birth was recorded. (1)

Family. In his Pension File, Daniel Bates states, under oath, that his father (name not given) died when he, Daniel, was about three years of age (about the year 1766). Daniel was bound out until he was sixteen years of age, when his name was entered upon the Roll of the Militia where he lived. He was not drafted but enlisted voluntarily. (1)

Service. The statements in the Pension File about his military service during the Revolutionary War, while lacking some details, agree substantially with other government records. Enlisted July 1, 1780, Private, Minute-man, Drummer Boy, Capt. Benjamin Minard's Company, Eastern Battalion, Morris County, New Jersey, Militia; Col. Sylvanus Seeley's Regt. State Troops. Re-enlisted July 31, 1780, for six months as Private in Colonel's Company, Lieut. Derrick Lane commanding, Second Battalion, Second Establishment, New Jersey. Discharged December 31, 1780. Enlisted Jan. 26, 1782, for twelve months, in Capt. Jonas Ward's Company. Called to "perform tours" when British forces made raids in New Jersey. Was not in any battles; only in several skirmishes, while

- (1) National Archives, Washington, D.C. Records of the Veterans' Administration, Revolutionary War Pension File of Daniel Bates, No. S 18 301, Dated Oct. 2, 1832.
- (2) Official Roster, Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Ohio. 1929. Page 30.
- (3) Compendium of American Genealogy. Virkus. Vol. IV, Page 425.

keeping guard on the lines. Discharged Jan. 1, 1783. When Daniel Bates moved west in 1789 he left his discharge in the hands of his uncle, who by 1832 had been dead about thirty years (d. abt. 1802)(4)(5)

Marriages. Daniel Bates m. 1st at Hanover, N.J. (not in Cincinnati as per Roster) Mary Kitchell, dau. Moses and Phebe (Hedges) Kitchell, who d. Cincinnati, 1799 (6). Daniel Bates m. 2nd (prob. at Cincinnati) in 1801, Sarah Osborne, who according to family tradition died in Green Creek Twp., Sandusky Co. O., in the summer of 1842. (2)

(Note: Richard³ Osburn (John², Richard¹) of Loudon Vounty, Va., b. 1739; d. 1795; m. 1768, Hannah, dau. Thos. Purcell of Loudon County. Among their childred were Morris, John and Sarah Osburn. (7) The names of Morris and John Osborn are found among those of early settlers in Hamilton County, O. John Osborn had a tavern in Montgomery. He was in Sycamore Township in 1808. (8)(9) The Sarah Osborne who married Daniel Bates may have been the daughter of Richard³ Osburn above. The fact that Sarah (Osborne) Bates named her oldest son John, may indicate that he was named after John², or after his uncle John⁴ Osburn. Sarah was probably too old to have been daughter of John⁴ Osburn. Mary (Kitchell) Bates named her first son after her father, Moses Kitchell. It seems to have been a custom of that time.)

Residences. Daniel Bates moved from New Jersey to Cincinnati, O. in 1789, arriving there in December. His name is on the list for the distribution of lots in Losantiville, 1789-90, No. 8. (8) Bates lived in Cincinnati, where he remained during the Indian War of Generals Harmar, St. Clair and Wayne, when he served as Master of Transportation to the West (1). By 1809, however, he was living at Indian Hill, Columbia Township, Hamilton County. But it was in 1822, through the General Land Office of the United States at Delaware, O., that he acquired 284 acres of land in the north part of Section 1, in Township Four, Range 15, the northeast corner of Ballville Township in Sandusky County in the north part of Ohio. This area, more recently, has been in the possession of the Bartson and Hilt families and the Fremont Golf Club. (10)(11) To this farm Daniel Bates moved in 1823 with his wife and younger children. In 1836, however, he purchased of Gershom McPherson 140 acres of land described as the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 4, Range 16 in Sandusky County, a farm bounding on the north line of Green Creek Township, about one and a half miles east of Fremont. Here Daniel Bates lived the remaining nine years of his life. Parts of this farm have more recently been owned by Kowalk, Culbert and Giebel families (12). That Daniel Bates lived in these locations and not in Erie County (as per the Roster) is further proved by enumerations of the U.S. Census, (13) and by the Census of Pensioners (14).

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- (4) Data from Commissioner of Pensions. Oct. 27, 1903.
 - (5) D.A.R. Application Papers of Mrs. Edna Fowler Smith, #146948.
 - (6) Members, Marriages and Baptisms, First Presbyterian Church, Hanover, N.J. 1746-1796. 1893. Page 17.
 - (7) American Ancestry, 1892. Vol. VII, Page 196.
 - (8) History of Hamilton County, O. L.A. Williams & Co. 1881, page 39, 57, 389.
 - (9) History of Cincinnati and Hamilton Co. O. Nelson & Co. p. 447-8.
 - (10) Poetical Works of David Bates. 1870. Page 5.
 - (11) Sandusky County Deeds. Vol. G, Page 704. U.S. Cert. No. 1393.
 - (12) Ibid. Vol. G, page 813, Jan. 13, 1836.

Grave. Daniel Bates died in Green Creek Township, February 6, 1845, aged 82 years. He is buried in Dana Cemetery in this township, where the writer found his grave marked by a marble headstone with the simple inscription:

DANIEL BATES
Pvt. 2 N.J. Regt.
Rev. War

(15)

This marker and a flag sticker were erected by the Soldiers' Relief Commission of Sandusky County about 1944 (16). Daniel's son, Thomas Bates, lies in a grave just south of Daniel's, and some other family graves are near by. Sarah Bates's grave has no marker. (The above findings disprove the contention of the Roster that Mr. Bates is buried near Sandusky in Erie County where his grave was marked by the County Commissioners.)

Children. (a) Of Daniel and Mary (Kitchell) Bates (17)

- i. Eunice, b. prob. Hanover, N.J., 1788; d. 1872; m. Sept. 5, 1808, Daniel Hosbrook, son of John and Lydia (Kitchell) Hosbrook, b. Aug. 3, 1785; d. Nov. 2, 1868; lived in Cincinnati, O., where he was a school teacher, surveyor and first Sheriff of Hamilton County; he was also a member of the Legislature. (18)(19)(20)(21) Among their children were:

Lydia (1809-1845) who m. in 1830, Enoch Ferris (1804-1842) (22)

John L., b. 1817; m. 1841, Deborah, dau. Solomon Ferris. He was County Surveyor and County Engineer. (18)

- ii. Moses, b. Cincinnati, O., 1791.
- iii. Phebe, b. Cincinnati, 1793; died in infancy.
- iv. Hervey (or Harvey), b. Cincinnati, 1795; d. 1876; m. 1819, Sidney Sedgwick (1798-1872), dau. John and Janette (Kent) Sedgwick. Mr. Bates was one of the founders of Indianapolis, Ind., where he was the first Sheriff of Marion County. He built the Bates House, a fine hotel, from whose balcony Abraham Lincoln once made a speech. (3)(23)(24) Among their children were:

Mary Jane, b. 1820; m. June 27, 1838, Lawrence Martin Vance, b. 1816. (25)

Hervey (1834-1929) of Indianapolis; Major in 132nd Indiana Infantry in the Civil War; m. Charlotte T. Cathcart (1838-1907). (3)

- (15) Grave 25, Lot 11, Block B, in southeast corner of cemetery.
- (16) Information from Mr. L.W. Parker, head of Commission Office, Sandusky County Court House, Fremont, Ohio.
- (17) Letter, June 19, 1935, Dr. Hervey L. Bates, Germantown, Pa. to E. C. Smith.
- (18) Glimpses Into the Past. Ramona Kaiser. 1940. Page 7, 10.
- (13) U.S. Census, Sandusky County, O. 1830, Ballville Twp. Page 31. Ibid. 1840, Green Creek Twp. Page 37.
- (14) Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary and Military Services. 1841. Page 179.
- (19) D.A.R. Lineage Book. Vol. 72, Page 137.
- (20) Official Roster, Soldiers of Am. Rev. Buried in Ohio. 1929, p. 192
- (21) Official Roster, Soldiers of Am. Rev. Who Lived in Ohio, 1938, Page 182.

v.. Irene, b. Cincinnati, 1797; m. Moses Fatout and lived for a while in Ballville Township on land Moses bought from Daniel Bates in 1823. They were doubtless the ancestors of the Fatouts living in Indianapolis, Ind.; Moses K. Fatout, Contractor, 1892 (26); Nellie B. Fatout, Librarian, at the City Library, 1931 (27), whose father is said to have written a pamphlet on the Bates Family.

(b) Of Daniel and Sarah (Osborne) Bates. (17)

- vi. John, b. Cincinnati, 1802; m. Sandusky County, O., Mar. 29, 1831, Saloma Brown. Living in Ballville Township, 1830, on land he bought from Daniel Bates in 1826. (28)(29)(30)
- vii. Thomas, b. Cincinnati, Mar. 15, 1804; d. Green Creek Twp. Dec. 5, 1879; m. Sandusky County, Nov. 6, 1834, Eleanor Stokes. (31)(32) In 1836 Thomas bought land of his father in Green Creek Twp. where he was living in 1840. (33)(34) According to the Census of 1850 their children were: Abraham aged 11 yrs; David 9 yrs; John 7 yrs. David Bates was b. Dec. 15, 1841; served in the Civil War in Co. F, 72nd O.V.I.; d. Feb. 25, 1866; he is buried in Dana Cemetery. A John Bates also was in Co. F, according to the inscription on his tombstone in Dana Cemetery.
- viii. Mary, b. prob. in Cincinnati, June 13, 1806; d. Fremont, O., April 16, 1893; m. Sandusky County, July 1, 1828 (36) Abraham Van Doren, son of Isaac and Sarah (Sebring) Van Doren, b. New Jersey, Mar. 10, 1805; d. Fremont, Sept. 24, 1866. Lived in Green Creek Twp. and Fremont. Their children were named: Edwin, Eliza, David, Isaac, Sarah, Maria, Lucy, Abraham and John Gurley. Lucy (1842-1917) m. Dec. 3, 1879, John Fowler (1843-1916), son of Samuel and Margaret L. (Parks) Fowler. They lived in Fremont, O. Children:

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- (22) Compendium of American Genealogy. Virkus. Vol. VI, Page 445.
 (23) Indiana Hist. Soc. Publications. Vol. VII, Page 254. Vol. III, Page 9, 36. Vol. IV, Page 342.
 (24) Indiana Historical Collection. Vol. 24, Page 233.
 (25) Colonial Families of U.S.A. 1907. Vol. I, Page 459.
 (26) City Directory, Indianapolis, Ind. 1892.
 (27) Ibid. 1931.
 (28) Sandusky County Deeds. Vol. G, Page 686; Mar. 21, 1826.
 (29) Sandusky County Marriages. Vol. A, Page 52.
 (30) U.S. Census, Sandusky County, O. 1830; Ballville Twp. Page 35.
 (31) Inscriptions, Dana Cemetery.
 (32) Sandusky County Marriages. Vol. B, Page 6.
 (33) Sandusky County Deeds. Vol. I, Page 110, Oct. 18, 1836.
 (34) U.S. Census, Sandusky County, O., 1840, Green Creek Twp. Page 40.
 (35) Ibid. 1850. Page 885.
 (36) Sandusky County Marriages. Vol. B, Page 30.

(1) Edna Grace, who m. Aug. 15, 1908, Edward Church Smith, son of Edward Payson and Julia Mack (Church) Smith; b. Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Smith is a Charter Member of the Lakewood, O. Chapter, N.S.D.A.R.. Res. (1949) 13850 Clifton Blvd.; Lakewood 7, O. Child: three years old, son Edward Fowler Smith; m. Marion Rose Rowley in 1946. He is Librarian at Argonne National Laboratory, Dupage County, Ill. Address (1950) 1134 E. 46th St. Chicago 15, Ill.

(11) Bessie Myrle, Secretary, Fremont Monumental Company. Active Member, Hayes Memorial Methodist Church, and Mary Fitch Chapter King's Daughters. Res. (1949) 422 Morrision Street, Fremont, O. (37)

ix. David, b. Indian Hill, Hamilton Co., O., May 6, 1809; d. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 25, 1870; m. Leona Cavender. Lived in Indianapolis and Philadelphia. He was a Poet, his works appearing in a volume published in Philadelphia in 1870. His children were: Stockton; Dewey; Lelan who m. Emma Scattergood, and was father of Dr. Hervey L. Bates of Germantown, Pa.; Cordelia, Ella, Leona, and Florence. (10)(38)

x. Hannah, b. prob. Indian Hill, O., 1811; d. Fremont, O. June, 1840; m. Sandusky County, O., Oct. 22, 1837, Homer Everett, son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Emery) Everett, b. Huron Co. O., Jan. 30, 1813. Lived in Fremont, O. where he was a lawyer, and at one time Mayor. They had a daughter:

Hannah Bates Everett, who m. Henry Hatfield and lived in Osborne, Kan. (39)(40)

xi. Abraham, b. prob. Indian Hill, O. 1814.

(Note: Rebekah, Uzal and Seth Bates were not children of our Daniel Bates as suggested by the Roster (2). Uzal Bates (name recorded as "Usual Bates" in 1820 census of Hamilton County, O.) may have been the son of Isaac² Bates (Ephraim² William²) of Hanover, N.J.. One Uzal Bates was brother of Ephraim² Bates, who migrated to Noble Co. O. Some of the family drifted into Hamilton County.) (41)

Ancestry. As to the parentage and ancestry of Daniel Bates (1763-1845) of Hanover, N.J., the writer has found but two statements in genealogical literature.

(a) The Roster (2) offers as father of Daniel one Daniel Bates who married Jane Reed. The writer has been unable to find any information to confirm this. The Daniel Bates of Hanover, N.J., son of Widow Abigail Bates died in 1755, so he could not have been the father of our Daniel, the man who died in 1766.

(b) The Compendium of American Genealogy (3) offers as Daniel's father one Captain David Bates (1725-1820) of Hanover, another son of Widow Abigail Bates. But since Daniel's father died in 1766, he could not have been Capt. David, who lived until 1820.

(37) The Van Doorn Family. A. Van Doren Honeyman. 1909. Page 414, No. 1538.

Mr. Charles H. Cory, Jr., after much research, has concluded that Daniel Bates's father must have been Thomas Bates of Hanover, N.J., son of Widow Abigail Bates, b. abt. 1718; d. abt. 1766 (42). This agrees with Daniel Bates's statement that his father died when he was three years old, that is about 1766 (1). The fact that this Thomas Bates willed thirty pounds to his son, Daniel, (43) strongly supports this conclusion. The wife of this Thomas Bates was named Eunice.

The line of descent of this Thomas Bates from Clement¹ Bates of Hingham, Mass, 1635, is offered in a work entitled Lineal Ancestors of Susan(Kitchell) Mulford, who was the grandmother of Mr. Cory. The proposed line, which is the most plausible we have found (44) is as follows:

Clement¹ Bates, bapt. Lydd, Eng. Jan. 22, 1595; d. Sept. 17, 1671; came to Hingham, Mass. in 1635 in the ship "Elizabeth" with Rev. Peter Hobart. His wife, Ann, d. Hingham, Oct. 1, 1669, aged 74 yrs. Bates was a tailor.

James² Bates, b. Eng. Aug. 1621; d. Hingham, July 5, 1689; m. Hingham, Apr. 19, 1643, Ruth Lyford, dau. Rev. John and Sarah Lyford, who d. Hingham, Mar. 9, 1689/90. He came to Hingham in 1635, where he was a schoolmaster, also Selectman in 1678.

James³ Bates, b. Hingham, abt. 1647; was living in Hempstead, L.I., as early as 1676. He m. Elizabeth Karl, dau. Thomas and Sarah (Halstead) Karl, who was mother of all his children. He d. Haddam, Conn. Mar. 13, 1718.

Solomon⁴ Bates, b. on Long Island; d. Oct. 24, 1771, abt. 90 yrs. of age. Lived in Hempstead, L.I. as late as December, 1712, but by November, 1714 had settled in Elizabethtown, N.J. His wife was named Elizabeth. He m. 2nd Abigail and moved to Morristown, N.J. She d. Mar. 1787, aged 97 yrs. There was a son, Thomas.

Thomas⁵ Bates. A Thomas Bates, supposed to be son of Solomon⁴ above, was living in Elizabethtown, N.J. 1714-1750; then he disappeared. He is regarded as the probable husband of a Widow Abigail Bates who d. Nov. 29, 1763, aged 74 yrs. Thomas was probably a young man when he married her about 1712. The children of Widow Abigail Bates were:

Rachel	(1714-1789)	m. Joseph Kitchell.
John	(1716-1761)	Never married.
Thomas	(1718-1766)	m. Eunice _____.
William	(1720-1770)	m. Mary Ball and Rebecca _____.
Daniel	(1723-1755)	m. Elizabeth _____.
David	(1725-1820)	m. Phebe Tappan and Annabella (Dodd?) Squire. He was a Captain in the Rev. War.

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- (38) Letter of Jan. 4, 1929, Dr. Hervey L. Bates, Germantown, Pa. to Charles H. Bates, Williamsport, Pa.
- (39) History of Sandusky County, O. H.Z. Williams & Co. 1882. p. 543-4.
- (40) Yearbook Sandusky Co. Pioneer & Historical Assn. 1913. Page 39.
- (41) Bates Bulletin. Ser. II, Vol. III, 1915. No. 2, Page 70-71.
- (42) List of children of widow Abigail Bates, from N.J. Hist. Soc. in letter of Chas. H. Cory, Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla. Jan. 27, 1936, to E.C. Smith.
- (43) New Jersey Archives, First Series, Vol. 23, Page 35. Wills 1761-70.

Thomas⁶ Bates, b. abt. 1718; d. abt. 1766; m. Eunice _____.
Lived in Hanover, N.J. The will of this Thomas Bates was dated Sept. 6, 1765; proved Dec. 3, 1766; provides: My wife to have household goods and her maintenance out of the estate; to son Daniel Bates thirty pounds; to daughter Sarah Bates ten pounds. Other children mentioned, Hannah, Rachel, Eunice and Mary Bates. Land to be sold. Executors: Nehemiah Baldwin and Joseph Kitchell. (42) Witnesses: Joseph Foster, Grace Ford, Moses Kitchell.

Daniel⁷ Bates, b. Hanover, N.J., Mar. 27, 1763; d. Sandusky County Ohio, Feb. 6, 1845; m. 1st Mary Kitchell; m. 2nd Sarah Osborne, as outlined above.

(Note: The contention here, that Daniel Bates (1763-1845) belonged to the family of Thomas⁶ and Eunice Bates of Hanover, N.J. appears further to be supported by the names Daniel gave his children:

Eunice - named after Daniel's mother.

Thomas - named for Daniel's father.

Hannah - named for one of Daniel's sisters.

David - named after Daniel's uncle, Capt. David Bates, who may have been the uncle with whom Daniel left his discharge papers. No other uncle in this family was living after the War.

Thus they seem to have carried on the tradition of the time.

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(44) Lineal Ancestors of Susan (Kitchell) Mulford. 1937. Vol. IV, Part I. Page 67-68. Vol. IV, Part II, Page 147, 153, 171, 174-175.

